GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:)	
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER and POWER AUTHORITY'S AVOIDED COST STUDY	,	et No. 620 r No. <u>23</u> /2015

ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA" or the "Authority") filed with the Public Services Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") Petitions for the Electric and Water Departments for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in Order No. 50/2013 the Commission ordered that WAPA file supporting documentation associated with its avoided cost study; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2013, the Commission appointed Attorney Andrew C. Simpson as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings for Docket 620: WAPA's Avoided Cost Study; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, the Authority filed its 2014 Avoided Cost Study and Cost of Service Study; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2014, a Stipulation Recommending the Adoption of Interim Avoided Costs Rates was drafted and signed by WAPA and the PSC Staff, but was not accepted by TCG Global, which submitted separate comments; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, the Commission a received the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendations for the Adoption of Interim Avoided Rates; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2014, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Commission voted to GRANT Reconsideration of the Interim Avoided Costs rates in PSC Order No. 43/2014 and extend and review the present rate for nine (9) months, but no later than August 31, 2015.

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NOW THEREFORE, upon review and deliberation the Commission **ORDERS** that the present Interim Avoided Costs rate be extended and reviewed within nine (9) months but no later than August 31, 2015. *So Ordered.*

Dated: January /6, 2015

Johann Clendenin, Chair